

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please enter the following corrected paragraphs into the specification as follows:

Page 2, replace paragraph [0005] with the following.

[0005] No matter the type of coupler, the majority of trailer hitches on a towing vehicle consist of a hitch ball mounted within a few inches of the rear bumper and at approximate bumper height. At the front end of the trailer terminating the ~~draw-bar~~ drawbar is a cup or ring designed for receipt of the hitch ball. The ball of the trailer hitch on the back of the towing vehicle fits within the cup or ring on the draw bar of the trailer to be towed. The trailer is designed so that the wheels on the trailer are located between the center of gravity of the trailer and the rear end of the trailer. This means that the ~~draw-bar~~ drawbar will be forced by the weight of the trailer toward the ground. It is ordinarily supported off the ground by a jack-like device that terminates at the ground end in a small wheel. The jack-like device is ordinarily operated by a crank, which raises and lowers the ~~draw-bar~~ drawbar of the trailer, so that the height of the cup or ring, which receives the trailer hitch ball mounted on the towing vehicle may be varied by the operator by cranking the jack supporting the ~~draw-bar~~ drawbar of the trailer either up or down, depending on the need of the operator. For safety reasons, the tongue weight of the ~~draw-bar~~ drawbar of the trailer ordinarily must be, at least, fifty (50) pounds. For large trailers, it can be substantially more. Therefore, lifting the ~~draw-bar~~ drawbar of the trailer without the use of the crank, or moving the ~~draw-bar~~ drawbar laterally,

requires considerable strength. Indeed, the strength required may be beyond that of most people for larger trailers or trailers that are heavily loaded. However, the tolerance of the receiving cup or ring on the ~~draw-bar~~ drawbar and the ball on the towing vehicle trailer's hitch must be quite close in order that the attachment of the trailer to the towing vehicle is secure. Therefore, the ball of the trailer hitch of the towing vehicle must be positioned within a fraction of an inch immediately below the cup or ring on the ~~draw-bar~~ drawbar of the trailer if the hitching process is to be successful.

Page 5, replace paragraph [0009] with the following.

[0009] U.S. Patent 5,970,619 is a two-piece trailer alignment guide. One piece is a trailer cup attachment, which attaches to the trailer cup on the trailer to be towed. Extending vertically above the trailer cup attachment is a set of telescoping rods, which may extend to increase the vertical height of the trailer cup attachment. An alignment indicator is attached to one of the telescoping rods. On the face of the alignment indicator is a spring-activated switch. Above and spaced apart from the spring-activated switch are two green lights, which are shining to help the towing vehicle back correctly toward the trailer cup. The second piece is a towing vehicle attachment, which is affixed to the towing vehicle. This has an activator ball attached to telescoping rods, which are rotatably mounted in a mounting base that attaches to the towing vehicle. Therefore, when the activator ball touches the spring mounted switch on the alignment guide, the towing ball will be oriented, so that as the jack support for the ~~draw-bar~~ drawbar

on the trailer is lowered, then the trailer cup will fit directly over the ball on the towing vehicle. When the activator ball presses the spring-mounted switch on the alignment guide, two green lights stop shining, a red light comes on, and a sound generator makes a noise.

Page 20, replace paragraph [00054] with the following.

[00054] When the control lever ~~actives~~ activates the first of the pair of switches 52a, the yellow lamp comes on and the buzzer sounds. Preferably the buzzer is a Piezo style audio indicator, but any standard buzzer can be used. With the activation of the yellow lamp and the buzzer, the operator is now aware that the hitch ball is in close proximity to the center point of the ball hitch trailer coupling. It is at that time the operator stops and again proceeds rearward at a slower pace, without making any changes in the direction of the towing vehicle wheels. Continued rearward movement of the towing vehicle pushes the flap further until the control lever activates the red lamp 52b. Activation of the red lamp means that the hitch ball 69 and the trailer cup 68 are in proper alignment, and the trailer cup can be lowered onto the hitch ball.

Page 21, replace paragraph [00056] with the following.

[00056] It is to be understood that most any hitch unit 69 and corresponding coupler 68 can be used with this apparatus. Further, the illumination means and the speaker means are

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electrically connected to the power source as shown ~~in Figure 7~~
by the schematic of Figure 11.